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LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF MEDICAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide fmanciai help for medicinal plants in Assam;

(b) if so. the details thereof;

(c) the details of the programmes being implemented by the Government for the cultivation of medicinal plants in Tamil Nadu;

(d) the areas identified for the purpose; and

(e) the progress made so far under the programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Medicinal Plants Board has been setup to coordinate matters related to development of medicinal plants sector. The Board has formulated and implemented schemes for cultivation & development, of medicinal plants throughout the country including State of Assam. So far the Board has sanctioned 26 projects involving financial implication of amount Rs.294.65 lacs to various organizations in Government and Non-Government sector for development and cultivation of medicinal plants in the state of Assam.

(c) to (e): Schemes of Medicinal Plants Board have been implemented In the state of Tamilnadu also. The schemes of the Board are demand driven, therefore, no areas have been identified specifically. However, 64 projects involving financial outlay of Rs. 171.85 lacs have been sanctioned under Contractual Farming Schemes for cultivation of medicinal plants covering 22 districts.Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the country during Tenth Five Year Plan w.e.f 2005-06 for holistic development of Horticulture sector. Promotion of cultivation of Medicinal Plants has been included as one of the components under NHM during 2006-07.